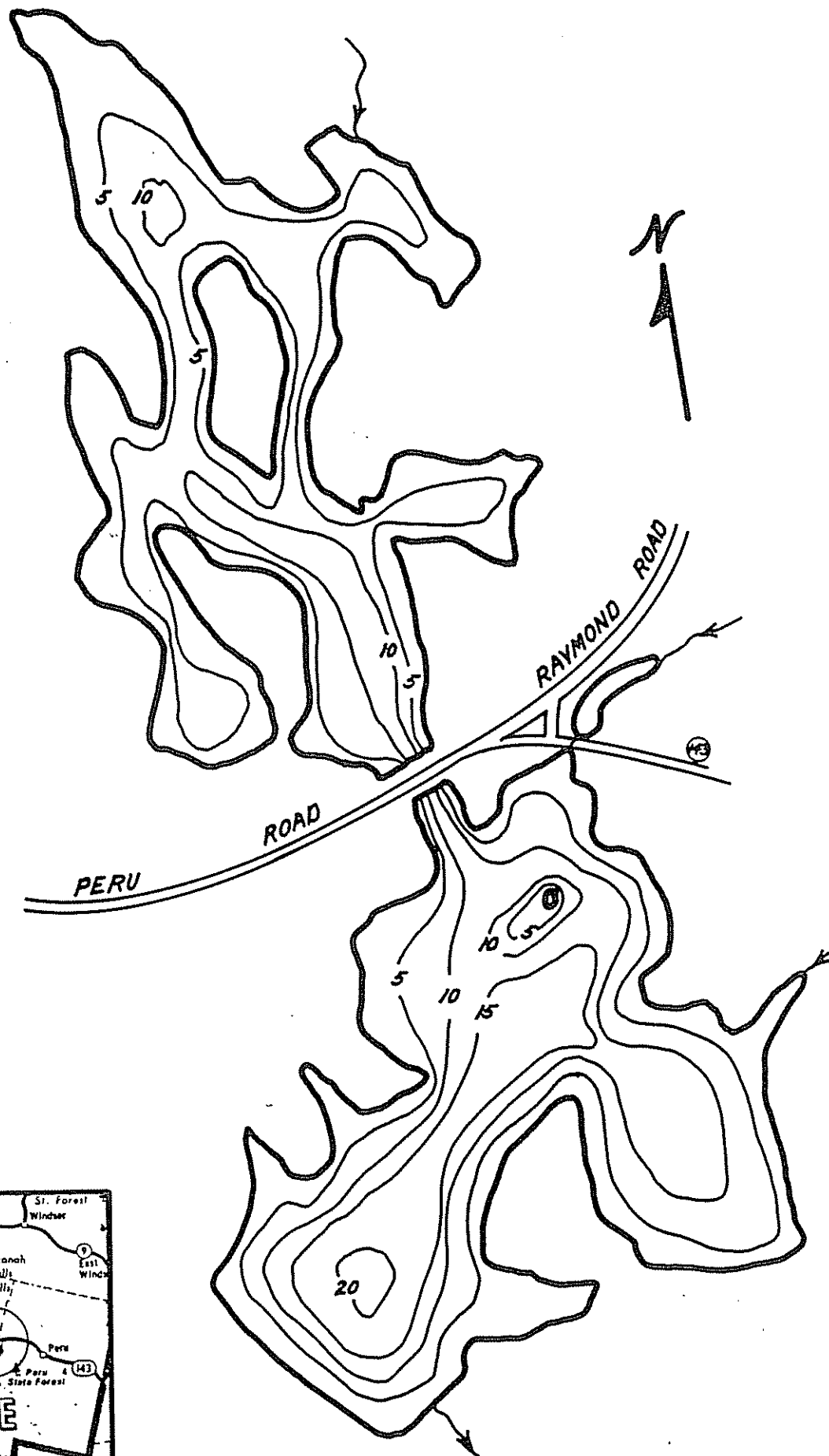


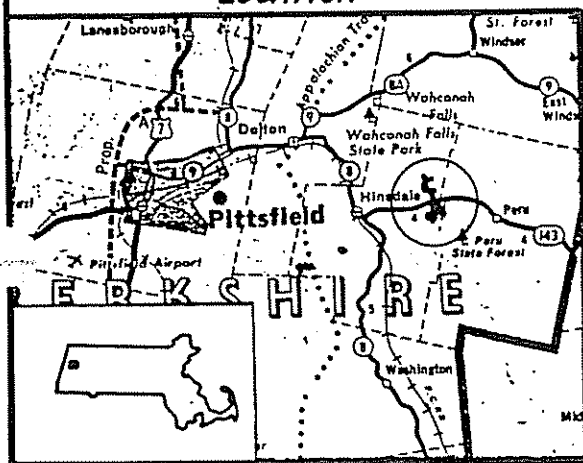
ASHMERE LAKE

HINSDALE / PERU

217 Acres



LOCATION



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

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General Information:

This 217 acre warmwater pond is divided into two basins by Route 143. Maximum depth is 23 feet; average depth is just eight feet. Transparency is fairly good, extending to nine feet. The bottom is composed primarily of mud, but there are extensive areas of rock and rubble in the western and southern sections of the southern basin. Aquatic vegetation is abundant and often dense in the northern basin; common but more widely scattered in the southern basin. The shoreline is moderately developed with summer cottages, camps and permanent homes, although large sections remain wooded and pristine.

Public access is only fair at this lake. State forest land protects a portion of the shoreline, but it is difficult to access and trees and brush along the water's edge make casting difficult. A commercial boat ramp (fee required to launch) located on the southeastern side of Route 143 provides the most popular boat access, but anglers should be aware that due to the small size of the culvert between the basins, they will be limited to fishing the southern basin. Some anglers fish from Route 143, and it is possible to launch canoes or cartop boats from either side of that road.

Fish Populations:

This lake was last surveyed in 1979. Nine species were recorded at that time: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, yellow perch, black crappie, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead, white sucker and golden shiner. White perch were recorded during sampling as recently as 1971 and may still remain in low numbers. Northern pike of unknown origin have reportedly been caught from this water.

Fishing:

Winter drawdowns conducted to limit the amount of aquatic vegetation have apparently caused fish kills at this lake in the past. As a result, bass abundance was found to be reduced substantially at the time the last survey was conducted. Growth rates were high, however, and unless winter kills have continued, both basins should now offer some big bass along with fair to good fishing action. Those in search of smallmouth will do best in the deeper southern basin, while largemouth fanciers will have better luck in the shallow, heavily weeded northern basin. Yellow perch are common in both basins and offer good winter jigging action, but their growth rates are low and average size is on the small side.

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